

Cork Learning Neighbourhoods 2024



Mayfield Learning Neighbourhood welcomed a group of eighteen participants on a six week, 'Introduction to Psychology' short course. ACE lecturer Tadhg Connery lectured on the programme over a six week period. This six-week course introduced participants to the field of Psychology and touched on a broad variety of topics, including developmental, social, cognitive and environmental psychology. Participants explored famous historical psychological experiments and saw how they have influenced our understanding of the human mind and behaviour today. This course was hosted by Mayfield CDP and was funded by the Cork Education and Training Board through the Reach Fund.

Mayfield 'Conversation Cafe' took place in Mayfield Training Centre. Twenty-seven young people from the community took part in a special 'Conversation Cafe' where they were able to explore future pathways available to them. Speakers at the event included Cork College of Further Education and Training (Morrison's Island Campus) principal Helen Ryan; Cork Education and Training Board's senior training adviser apprenticeship services Anne Whelan; and a former Mayfield Community Training Centre trainee Leah Punch who is also a current University College Cork student and is involved in the access programme at the university. Echo live published the following article in relation to the event; <https://www.echolive.ie/corknews/arid-41323951.html>

Mayfield Learning Neighbourhood participated in a 'Places of Learning' photography campaign this year. This campaign was run to celebrate places and spaces in the community where learning takes place. Cork photographer, Clare Keogh, will captured images around the Mayfield community in February. The images were exhibited in the Frank O' Connor Library as part of the Lifelong Learning Festival. The exhibition was opened by Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Joe Kavanagh.



— South Parish — Learning Neighbourhood

The South Parish Learning Neighbourhood delivered a 'Neighbourhood University College' programme in Spring 2024. The programme provided participants with a taste of a variety of further and higher-level subjects over an 8-week period. The programme was delivered in various learning venues across the South Parish to enable participants to explore the wide range of community learning spaces. Subjects included Art and Crafts (Douglas Street Campus), Youth and Community Work (Nano Nagle Place), Genealogy (Cork City Library), Local History (St. Finbarr's Cathedral) and many more.

South Parish Learning Neighbourhood hosted a community fair in Elizabeth Fort on in April 2024 as part of the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival. The fair showcased the activities of a variety of learning organisations in the local community. Local groups, clubs and organisations gathered on the day to celebrate lifelong learning within the neighbourhood. There were talks, musical performances and more on the day to celebrate learning in the community. Barrack Street Band performed on the day to celebrate in their local community.



Ballyphehane Learning Neighbourhood

Ballyphehane Learning Neighbourhood hosted an 'Arts4All' event in April 2024 as part of the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival. The event included performances by several local groups including schools, clubs and more who gathered together to celebrate all forms of art within the community. Irish Sign Language Demos, Flower Arranging and more took place on the day. Deputy Lord Mayor, Colette Finn visited the event to celebrate with the community.



Togher Learning Neighbourhood

In Spring 2024, Tramore Road Campus FET are ran a 5-week taster course in partnership with the Togher Learning Neighbourhood group. This free programme provided a space for participants to sample further education in the community and participants received a warm welcome to Tramore Road Campus by Deputy Principal Shane Lehane and the team.

The Togher Learning Neighbourhood hosted a 'Togher Places of Learning Directory' launch to promote the directory to students and parents of the Togher Girls National School. The event took place in Togher Girls National School. A copy of the Learning Directory was distributed to each student in the school.

Knocknaheeny Learning Neighbourhood are developing a Learning Directory for the local area. This directory will provide information about local learning organisations that are active in the community.

Knocknaheeny Learning Neighbourhood will be taking part in the 'Places of Learning' photography campaign this year. This campaign is being run to celebrate places and spaces in the community where learning takes place. Cork photographer, Clare Keogh, will be capturing images around the Knocknaheeny community in February.

Below are images of Knocknaheeny Community Expo that was held during this year's Lifelong Learning Festival where over 50 service providers in the area gathered to show the community what services are available to them.

